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1. DEPTOFFS JAN 22 INFORMED SOVEMB COUNSELOR BESSMERTNYKH OF POSITIVE RESPONSE BY HARVARD, PITTSBURGH, AND PRINCETON UNIVERSITIES TO SOVIET REQUEST FOR ARRANGING QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS PROGRAM FOR LEBEDEV, TIKHOMIROV, AND SHCHETININ. WE NOTED THAT WHILE PRINCETON WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE SOVIET PROFESSORS, THEY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PRINCETON IS NOT STRONG IN QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS APPROACH. FSI'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING SOVIET GROUP WAS EXPRESSED. WE NOTED THAT PROSPECTIVE US HOSTS WOULD LIKE SOVIETS TO TAKE PART IN SEMINARS AND THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SIMILAR VISIT TO INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTES OF INTEREST. ON MATTER OF

TIMING OF SOVIET VISIT HERE, WE SUGGESTED END OF FEBRUARY BECAUSE OF SCHEDULES OF US PROFESSORS, BUT POINTED OUT THERE WAS FLEXIBILITY ON TIMING. IMPORTANT THING TO DO WAS TO DETERMINE MORE PRECISELY WHAT SOVIET PROFESSORS WOULD LIKE IN WAY OF PROGRAM AND TIMING PREFERENCES, SO THAT US HOST UNIVERSITIES COULD BEGIN TO WORK OUT DETAILED PROGRAM.

2. BESSMERTNYKH EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT US HOST UNIVERSITIES WERE PREPARED TO RECEIVE SOVIET GROUP. HE CONFIRMED THAT VISIT WOULD BE AT SOVIET EXPENSE, AND INDICATED THAT SOVIETS PREPARED TO COME IN FIRST HALF OF FEBRUARY IF POSSIBLE. ON MATTER OF POSSIBLE RETURN VISIT BY INTERESTED US GROUP, BESSMERTNYKH TOOK POSITION THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED BY SOVIET GROUP AFTER IT ARRIVED HERE. WITH RESPECT TO TIKHOMIROV'S INTEREST TO STAY ON FOR AN ADDITIONAL MONTH, BESSMERTNYKH THOUGHT DETAILS COULD ALSO BE WORKED OUT AFTER GROUP'S ARRIVAL. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, BESSMERTNYKH SAID HE DOUBTED THERE WERE ANY PRINTED MATERIALS ON IIR WHICH US HOSTS COULD USE TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES ABOUT COURSES AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN A LIST OF PUBLICATIONS BY THE THREE SOVIET PROFESSORS, BUT DOUBTED THEY HAVE PUBLISHED ON QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS. BESSMERTNYKH SAID HE WOULD CABLE MOSCOW ASKING FOR MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THE GROUP'S INTERESTS IN PROGRAMMING AND TIMING. WE SAID WE WOULD LET OUR EMBASSY KNOW OF STATUS OF PROJECT AND THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT LEBEDEV OR OTHERS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR INTERESTS. BESSMERTNYKH THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO CONTACT LEBEDEV TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THE ABOVE UNIVERSITIES AND AT FSI. WE THINK WE COULD ALSO INCLUDE RAND IN PROGRAMMING ONCE WE HAVE BETTER IDEA OF SCOPE OF SOVIET INTERESTS. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS LIST OF SCHOOLS AND COORDINATING PROFESSORS: U. OF PITTSBURGH: DR. CARL BECK, PITT. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTER; PRINCETON UNIVERSITY: DR. P. STOKES, DEAN, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY: DR. MARSHALL GOLDMAN, RUSSIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. WE NOTE IN ISSUE NUMBER 1, 1976, OF SSHA JOURNAL THAT A.A. KOKOSHIN HAS WRITTEN BOOK ENTITLED "FORECASTING AND POLITICS: METHODOLOGY, ORGANIZATION AND USE OF FORECASTING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN US FOREIGN POLICY," WHICH SEEMS TO BE ANALYSIS OF QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS APPROACH IN US. IF SO, AND IF EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN SEVERAL COPIES,

BOOK WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO PROSPECTIVE US HOSTS. PLEASE
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